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**Purpose:** This document clarifies that the exception for providing drainage for impervious surfaces is applicable only where the resulting, final total impervious surfaces on the lot are 1,000 square feet or less.

**Related Code Section(s):**

PC 106.6.1:	Exception
PC 1101.2.1:	Exception
BC 106.11:	Exception

**Subject(s):** Increases in impervious surfaces

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The provisions of Section PC 106.6.1, PC 1101.2.1, and BC 106.11 require, in most instances, that an increase in impervious surfaces triggers the requirement for an application to the Department of Environmental Protection for a house/site connection to drain such impervious surfaces into a storm sewer system, a combined sewer system, or to an approved place of disposal.

The Exception to these sections provides that:

“Where the total area of impervious surfaces proposed to be increased by an alteration after the effective date of this code is less than or equal to 1,000 square feet (93m<sup>2</sup>).”

The 1,000 square feet (93m<sup>2</sup>) figure represents the resulting, final total area on the lot and not the area of the proposed increase.